

May 5, 2005

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Dr. Layton R. McCurdy, Chairman, and Members, Commission on Higher Education

**From:** Dr. Vermelle J. Johnson, Chairman, and Members of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

**Informational Report on Approved and Terminated Programs**  
**FY 2004- 2005**

**Background**

This report contains information on the number of new programs (including centers and off-campus locations) approved and existing programs terminated by the Commission during FY 2004-2005. A total of 27 new programs were added and 20 were terminated during FY 2004-2005. The actual listing of programs approved and terminated is found in **Attachments 1 and 2**. The terminations are presented by institution. This information is presented to members of the Committee to provide an overview of program approval activity during the past year.

Of the 27 new programs approved or expected to be approved in FY 2004-05, eight general areas of programmatic growth can be identified:

- four in health-related fields;
- four in teacher education/child care worker;
- six in social sciences/humanities;
- three in technology-related fields
- three in business
- three in science/math
- two in architecture/design and planning; and

- two new centers.

Program development was evenly distributed among the undergraduate and graduate levels. There were seven programs developed at the undergraduate level and seven at the associate's degree level. There were also seven new master's degree program and four doctorate level programs. Both new centers were at a research institution or its branch campus, USC-Columbia and USC-Salkehatchie. Under current CHE Guidelines, only centers intending to request state funding require CHE approval.

Of the 20 existing programs, tracks, and centers terminated in FY 2004-05, seven general areas of can be identified for program deletion:

- four in teacher education;
- one center/institute
- two in health related fields
- four in social science/humanities
- two in engineering/industrial
- two in business; and
- four in science/math/computer science

USC-Columbia closed five programs. Clemson closed four programs. The Citadel closed three programs, all of which were in teacher education. One program was closed at Horry-Georgetown Tech.

This report is being presented to the Commission on Higher Education for information only.

## **Attachments**